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The following pages contain a statement of the family and descendants of Barnabas Campau, an old-time prominent citizen, wealthy trader and land owner of our city.

The material here gathered is nearly all from official and church records.

There are, doubtless, many errors in the compilation but, as it is only printed for circulation among members of the family, it is hoped that the errors will be corrected or overlooked.

C. M. Burrox,

Detroit, Sept. 20, 1916.





## The Campau Family In Detroit.

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The first member of this family mentioned in the Detroit records is Michel Campau, who was born in 1667 and came to Detroit in 1707. He remained with his family for some time, but eventually returned alone to Montreal, where he died in 1737. His widow, Jeanne Masse, died in Detroit in 1764.

**Jacques Campau**, a brother of Michel Campau, was born in Montreal in 1677; married Cecile Catin in 1699, and came to Detroit with his family in 1708. He obtained a grant of what is now known as the Meldrum farm, from the French government, in 1734. He died 14th May, 1751.

The following are his children:

1. Jean Louis Campau, born 26 August, 1702, married 7 January, 1724, Marie Louise Robert. He died March 15, 1774.

2. Henry Campau, born 3 December, 1704, married 5 February, 1731, Marguerite L'Huillier.

3. Nicolas Campau, dit Niagara, born at Niagara in July, 1710. He married Agatha Casse, dit St. Aubin, 4 September, 1737, and died 16 December, 1756.

4. Jean Baptiste Campau, born 4 August, 1711. Married 27 January, 1737, Catherine Perthuis. Jean



Baptiste was Royal Notary and Justice of the Peace in Detroit. These were very important offices in his time. He died in 1783.

5. Therese Cecile Campan, born 16 June, 1714. Married Francois Marsae 18 May, 1734. She died in 1746.

6. Claude Campan, born 25 August, 1715. Married 22 January, 1742, Catherine Casse, dit St. Aubin. Claude died 31 May, 1787.

This ends the second generation, and the record from this point will be continued only for Jean Louis Campan (No. 1).

**Jean Louis Campan** (1) married Marie Louise Robert. They had the following sons:

7. (1) Louis Campan, born 13 October, 1731.

8. (2) Jacques Campan, born 30 March, 1735. Married (1) 17 August, 1761, Catherine Menard, daughter of Jacques Menard and Susanne Prejean, dit Prudhomme. Catherine died in 1781, and Jacques married (2) 5 January, 1784, Francoise Navarre, widow of George McDougall and daughter of Robert Navarre. Jacques Campan died February 16, 1789. All of his children were by the first wife.

9. (3) Simon Campan, born 1 February, 1739, married 6 July, 1761, Veronique Bourdeau. He died 29 March, 1803.

10. (4) Jean Baptiste Campan, born 24 June, 1743, married 17 August, 1767, Genevieve Godet, dit Marantette. He owned the Chene farm.



**Jacques Campau** (8) married Catherine Menard and had:

11. (1) Louis Campau, born 28 November, 1762, buried January, 1763.

12. (2) An infant born 18 October and buried 19 October, 1763.

13. (3) Marie Cecile Campau, born 11 September, 1764. Married (1) 7 May, 1781, Thomas Williams, and (2) 1 May, 1790, Jacques Lozon. She died 24 June, 1805.

14. (4) Jacques (James) Campau, born 7 February, 1766. Married 26 November, 1789, Susanne Guillerier, dit Beaubien. He died 5 October, 1838.

15. (5) Louis Campau, born 26 July, 1767. Married 26 October, 1789, Therese Moran. He settled at the Clinton river and was buried 13 May, 1834.

16. (6) Joseph Campau, born 25 February, 1769. Married 18 May, 1808, Adelaide Dequindre. She was buried 2 June, 1862, and he died July, 1863.

17. (7) Nicolas Campau, born 28 September, 1779, and died an infant.

18. (8) Toussaint Campau, born 28 October, 1771, died 3 March, 1810, unmarried.

19. (9) Nicolas Amable Campau, born 20 October, 1773, died 23 September, 1811, unmarried.

20. (10) Barnabas Campau, born 27 June, 1775, married (1) 18 May, 1808, Therese Cicot, and (2), 26 February, 1821, Archange McDougall. He died 8 October, 1845. He had many children, of whom only four survived him.



21. (11) Catherine Campau, born 13 June, 1779, married 16 June, 1800, Louis Vessiere, dit Laferte. She died 17 October, 1834.

22. (12) Denys Campau, born 10 October, 1781, married 8 May, 1812, Felicite de Joncaire, dit Chabert. She died 14 February, 1814, and he died 17 December, 1818.





BARNABAS CAMPAU.

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From this place, we will continue the examination for the family of Barnabas Campau only. He was five or six years of age when his mother died. In after years he complained that he had a hard time with his stepmother, but this may be only the notion that every boy gets that his stepmother is not as kind and attentive as his own mother would have been. She had two sons of her own, sons of Captain George McDougall, who had died at Carleton Island in 1780. Captain McDougall, in pleading that provision be made by the British government for his wife, said that she was frail and delicate. She certainly came from a good family. Her father, Robert Navarre, was the Royal Notary for this district, and it is very probable that Barnabas was raised with all the care that other children had at his time. He was fairly well educated, much better, in fact, than most boys of that time. His father died when he was fourteen, and much of his early after life was spent with his brother, Joseph, who was fourteen years older than he was and who was then, and ever after, during a long life, an eminently successful business man. Barnabas must have thought considerable of his stepmother's family, for his second wife, Archange, was the grand-daughter of his stepmother. General Friend Palmer, in his "Early Days in Detroit," says: "Barnabas (L'Abbie) Campau was a fine specimen of the French gentleman, of commanding presence."



Barnabas lived, in 1837, on the south side of Jefferson Avenue, west of Randolph Street. He is described as being tall and portly, dignified and polite, weighing about 200 pounds. He was a merchant and fur trader. He had accumulated a fortune. In 1817, he bought the Island Park and left it as a rich legacy to his children. He also owned the McDougall farm, excepting one-ninth, which his wife had inherited from her father. He also owned a large tract of very valuable land called the Gore, lying between the Ten Thousand Acre Tract and the rear end of the farms fronting on the river. This property lies on both sides of Woodward Avenue, south of the Boulevard, and is now traversed by the various railroads, Michigan Central, Bay City, Grand Trunk and Lake Shore. He was also the owner of the land on which the Ford Building now stands and many other valuable tracts in Detroit and in other places in Michigan.

**Barnabas Campau** (20) was born 27 June, 1775, and died 8 October, 1845. He was married twice, as follows:

23. (1) Therese Cicot was born 10 February, 1789, and died 20 August, 1817. She was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Cicot and his wife, Angelique Poupard. Through this marriage, Campau became interested in private claim 114 in Ecorse, and private claim 726, Detroit City, now called the Peter Godfroy farm.

24. (2) Archange McDougall, daughter of John Robert McDougall and his wife, Archange Campau. She was born 8 September, 1794, and died 31 October, 1829. (In the church records she is several times called Cecile McDougall.) Through this marriage, Campau became interested in the McDougall farm, private claims



11 and 453, now called the McDougall farm. Of the four children who survived their father, two (Emilie and Angelique) were by the first wife.

The children of Barnabas Campau were as follows:

25. (1) Angelique Campan, born 17 November, 1809, and died 19 December, 1872. She married John B. Piquette 16 September, 1834. He was born 29 September, 1809, and died 24 August, 1851. John B. Piquette was half-brother to Alexandrine M. (Sheldon) (Campau) Willis.

26. (2) Emilie Campau, who was born 9 February, 1811, and died testate 25 March, 1881. She was never married.

The children of the second marriage, who survived Barnabas Campau, were:

27. (1) John Barnabas Campau, who was drowned at the foot of Bates Street, Detroit, 29 November, 1859, at the age of 37 years. He was born 18 March, 1822, and married Alexandrine M. Sheldon, 23 August, 1847. She survived her husband and married Richard Storrs Willis, 3 October, 1861.

28. (2) Alexander Macomb Campau, born 13 September, 1823, died 1 April, 1908. He married Eliza S. Throop, 15 April, 1846. She was born in Auburn, New York, in 1828, the daughter of George B. Throop, brother of Enos T. Throop. She died 12 April, 1905. Alexander was one of the first students in the University of Michigan.

**Barnabas Campau** had several children who died in infancy and whose names are not included in this list, as follows:



Edward Campau, born in 1808 and died the same year.

Elizabeth Campau, born 12 October, 1812, and died 19 August, 1813.

Barnabas Campau, born 30 March, 1814, and died 13 December, 1820.

An infant son, died 8 February, 1816, aged sixty days.

George Campau, born 31 January, 1825, and died 24 October, 1826.

An infant son, born and died 1 July, 1826.

**Angelique** (25) and **John B. Piquette** had the following children:

29. (1) John Alexander Piquette, born 25 July, 1837, and died 5 May, 1860, unmarried.

30. (2) Therese Eleanore Piquette, born 28 November, 1842, and died 20 June, 1854.

31. (3) Charles Louis Piquette, born 25 May, 1844, died in Paris, 24 July, 1876, aged 32 years and 2 months. His wife was Fanny Elliston Perley, now Mrs. George W. Van Dyke.

32. (4) Elise Alexandrine Piquette, married Lieutenant Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, U. S. A., who was born in 1844 and died 27 May, 1875. Elise then married James Hoban, July 23, 1880, and died June 23, 1894.

33. (5) Emilie Angelique Piquette, born 3 October, 1848, married Francis Preston Blair Sands, 2 October, 1876. He is a prominent lawyer and son of Rear Admiral Sands, U. S. Navy. She died 28 February, 1884.





**John Barnabas Campau** (27) and his wife, **Alexandrine**, had four children:

34. (1) **Charlotte Campau**, born 20 July, 1848, died in infancy.

35. (2) **Caroline Emily Campau**, born 14 September, 1849, buried 15 September, 1851.

36. (3) **Thomas Sheldon Campau**, born 24 March, 1852, died at Yokohama while traveling.

The notice of his death was published in Detroit, 22 September, 1886. He was 34 years old at the time of his death.

37. (4) **Albert Campau** (M. D.), born 12 December, 1853, died 19 October, 1895, at the age of 42 years. Graduate of Detroit College of Medicine.

**Alexander Macomb Campau** (28) and his wife, **Eliza M. Throop**, had the following children:

38. (1) **George T. Campau** married **Mary L. Woolsey**. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan—the first “grandson of the University.” He was born 29 July, 1847.

39. (2) **Alexander Macomb Campau**, born 24 October, 1848, baptised 20 May, 1849, lost in woods in Montana.

40. (3) **Barnabe Campau**, born 12 October, 1849, married **Alice C. Stevens**, 1 February, 1870, and 29 June, 1870 (twice married); once by Justice Ludlow. He also married **Frances Saxton** of Philadelphia, and **Matilda V——**.

41. (4) **Emilie Angelique Campau**, born 14 February, 1851, married **Henry W. Fitch** (U. S. Navy) 2 June, 1880.



42. (5) Montgomery Throop Campau, born 19 October, 1852, and died 31 May, 1881, at Denver, Colorado. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit.

43. (6) Frances Eliza Campau, born 11 November, 1854, married Frederick T. Sibley, 12 April, 1877.

44. (7) Robert McDougall Campau, born 29 November, 1856, died 2 March, 1902. He married Lillie Batchelor, 20 April, 1881.

45. (8) Guy Philips Campau, born 24 May, 1858, died 5 December, 1859, aged 1 year, 6 months and 11 days.

46. (9) Charlotte Cornelia Campau, born 12 December, 1864, married Alexander W. Copeland, 2 October, 1913. His first wife was Ann Biddle.

**Charles Louis Piquette** (31) married Fannie Elliston Perley in 1874 and had:

47. (1) Louis Piquette, died at the age of six months.

48. (2) Marie E. A. Piquette, adopted by George W. Van Dyke and name changed to Van Dyke. She married George E. Stevenson, 6 July, 1904. (File 11990, Probate Court.)

49. (3) Charles St. Joseph Piquette (the posthumous child mentioned in the will of Emilie Campau). He was adopted by George W. Van Dyke. (File 11990, Probate Court.) He was born 25 December, 1876, and died 26 February, 1907.

After the death of Charles L. Piquette, his widow, Fannie E., married George W. Van Dyke.



**Elise Alexandrine Piquette** (32) married (1) Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, and (2) James Hoban. She died 23 June, 1894. Their children were:

50. (1) Charles Piquette Mitchel, married Nellie Butler of Virginia.

51. (2) Marie Louise Mitchel, married Donald Armour, distinguished surgeon in London.

52. (3) Elise Alexander Hoban, married Edward Remick Alexander, of Cleveland.

53. (4) James Hoban, 5 years of age, died before his mother.

**Emilie Angelique Piquette** (33) married Preston P. Blair Sands. She died 28 February, 1884, leaving:

54. (1) Marie Emilie Angelique Sands, nun of Sacred Heart Order.

55. (2) Henrietta Elise Sands, married Capt. Edward Anderson, U. S. A.

56. (3) Frances Virginia Cyprianna Sands, nun of Visitation Order.

**George Throop Campau** (38) died February, 1879 aged 31 years, 6 months, 7 days. He married Mary Livingston Woolsey, daughter of Commodore M. B. Woolsey, U. S. N., 26 April, 1873. Commodore Woolsey died in Florida, 2 October, 1874. The children of George T. Campau were:

57. (1) Melanethon Woolsey Campau, born 14 July, 1874.

58. (2) Alexander Macomb Campau, born 2 December, 1875, married Nettie H. Humrichouse, 15 November, 1913.



59. (3) Elise Campau, born 19 January, 1877, married Hewitt L. Wells, of Detroit, 4 February, 1914.

60. (4) George Throop Campau, born 4 April, 1879, married Marie K. Cobourg. Lives in Santa Rosa, California.

**Barnabe Campau** (40) married (1) Alice Stevens, and (2) Frances Saxton, and (3) Matilda V——. He had two children:

61. (1) Thomas Holdup Stevens Campau, born 2 December, 1870, afterwards changed his name to Stevens Vail. Married. He is dead, leaving a daughter.

62. (2) Alexander Macomb Campau, born October, 1873, who died in Philadelphia at the age of one year, 3 October, 1874.

**Emilie Angelique Fitch** (41) and Henry W. Fitch (died) have:

63. (1) Emilie Campau Fitch, born 25 June, 1882, married Albert Pepper Gerhard, 17 April, 1909.

64. (2) Elise Alexandrine Fitch, born 15 June, 1886.

65. (3) Henrietta Winslow Fitch, born 9 February, 1888. Married.

**Frances Eliza Campau** (43) married Frederick Trowbridge Sibley, 12 April, 1877. They have:

66. (1) Elise Throop Sibley, married Horace Baxter Peabody (son of Grosvenor Peabody, Jr.), October 10, 1905.

67. (2) Charlotte Saxton Sibley, born 1880, married Stephen Paul Harwood, 14 February, 1901.





68. (3) Frances Campan Sibley, married Kirkland Barker Alexander, 7 October, 1911.

Mr. Alexander was born on Grosse Isle, 28 December, 1874.

69. (4) Dorothy Sibley, married Gaylord Wilson Gillis, 15 December, 1908. He is a son of the late Ransom Gillis.

He was born 1 July, 1873, and is now a member of the firm of Edson, Moore & Co.

70. (5) Alexandrine Sibley (twin), married Frank Michael Brennan, 10 February, 1909. He is a son of the late Michael Brennan, a prominent attorney of Detroit.

71. (6) Frederica Sibley (twin), married Lucian Selwyn Moore, 8 October, 1910.

72. (7) Henry Whipple Sibley, died 27 October, 1881, aged 21 days.

**Robert McDougall Campau** (44), married Lillie Batchelor and had:

73. (1) Lillian Batchelor Campau, who was born 2 May, 1883, and married George Clarkson Thrall, 24 February, 1904.

74. (2) Vita Campau, born 2 May, 1885, and married Richard G. Kirchner. They live in Tryon, N. C., and have one son. Richard G. Kirchner is the son of Otto Kirchner, a prominent member of the Detroit Bar.

**Elise Campau** (59) married Hewitt L. Wells. He is the son of Daniel F. Wells, and was born in California in 1879. They have one son:



75. (1) Hewitt Campau Wells, born 5 February, 1915.

**George Throop Campau** (60) married **Marie K. Cobourng**. They have:

76. (1) George Throop Campau, born 1905.

77. (2) Alexander Macomb Campau, born 1907.

**Emilie Campau Fitch** (63) married **Albert Pepper Gerhard**. They have:

78. (1) Emilie Campau Gerhard, born 25 February, 1910.

79. (2) Barbara Campau Gerhard, born 29 June, 1911.

80. (3) Charles Gerhard, born 29 July, 1914.

**Elise Throop Sibley** (66) married **Horace Baxter Peabody**. They have two children:

81. (1) Charlotte Campau Peabody, born 20 August, 1911.

82. (2) Alice Beaumont Peabody, born 25 December, 1912.

**Charlotte Saxton Sibley** (67) married **Stephen Paul Harwood**. They have five children, as follows:

83. (1) James Kemp Harwood, born 24 November, 1902.

84. (2) Francis Campau Harwood, born May 22, 1905.

85. (3) Stephen Paul Harwood, Jr., born 8 August, 1908.



86. (4) Charlotte Sibley Harwood, born 13 April, 1910.

87. (5) Harry Harwood, born 20 April, 1912.

**Frances Campau Sibley** (68) married Kirkland Barker Alexander. They have two children:

88. (1) Charles Town Alexander, born 23 August, 1912.

89. (2) Kirkland Barker Alexander, born 9 September, 1914.

90. (3) Frances Campau Alexander, born 29 October, 1915.

**Dorothy Sibley** (69) married Gaylord Wilson Gillis. They have the following children:

91. (1) Ransom Gillis, born 26 October, 1909.

92. (2) Gaylord Wilson Gillis, born 2 December, 1911.

93. (3) Campau Gillis, born 20 July, 1913.

94. (4) David Gillis, born 25 July, 1915.

**Alexandrine Sibley** (70) married Frank Michael Brennan. They have the following children:

95. (1) Margaret Frances Brennan, born 16 July, 1911.

96. (2) Frank Michael Brennan, born 3 July, 1913.

**Frederica Sibley** (71) married Lucian Selwyn Moore. Their children are:

97. (1) Lucian Selwyn Moore, born 7 January, 1912.

98. (2) Jean Moore, born 10 October, 1914.











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